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| DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 5,  | CASE NUMBER: 2017CW3258  |
| COLORADO   |                          |
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| CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR WATER RIGHTS OF:                          |                          |
| THE SNOWMASS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT, a Colorado special district, | ı                        |
| In PITKIN AND EAGLE COUNTIES, Colorado                                   | ↑ COURT USE ONLY ↑       |
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| Board:   |                          |
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| STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION OF T   | HE COLORADO WATER        |

1. Name, mailing address, email address and telephone number of Opposer:

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- 2. Name of ditch or structure: As more fully described in the application.
- 3. State facts why the application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions:

a. The CWCB holds water rights, including the following instream flow water rights, in Water Division 5 in the Roaring Fork River Watershed that could be injured by this application:

| Case<br>Number        | Stream                | Upper Terminus            | Lower Terminus              | CFS Rate<br>(Dates)                      | Approp.<br>Date |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 10CW0184^<br>(Div. 5) | Roaring Fork<br>River | confl Owl Creek           | confl Fryingpan<br>River    | Varies 0.15-<br>0.89                     | 06/30/1904      |
| 76W2943<br>(Div. 5)   | Snowmass Creek        | outlet Snowmass<br>Lake   | confl W<br>Snowmass Creek   | 9 (4/1 · 10/15)<br>4 (10/16 · 3/31)      | 01/14/1976      |
| 76W2943A<br>(Div. 5)  | Snowmass Creek        | confl W<br>Snowmass Creek | confl Capitol<br>Creek      | 12 (4/1 - 10/15)                         | 01/14/1976      |
| 76W2943B<br>(Div. 5)  | Snowmass Creek        | confl Capitol<br>Creek    | confl Roaring<br>Fork River | 12 (4/1 - 10/15)<br>11 (10/16 -<br>3/31) | 01/14/1976      |
| 85CW0639<br>(Div. 5)  | Roaring Fork<br>River | confl Fryingpan<br>River  | confl Crystal<br>River      | 75 (10/1 · 3/31)<br>145 (4/1 · 9/30)     | 11/08/1985      |
| 85CW0646<br>(Div. 5)  | Roaring Fork<br>River | confl Maroon<br>Creek     | confl Fryingpan<br>River    | 30 (10/1 - 3/31)<br>55 (4/1 - 9/30)      | 11/08/1985      |
| 92CW0280*<br>(Div. 5) | Snowmass Creek        | confl W<br>Snowmass Creek | confl Capitol<br>Creek      | 3 (4/1 - 10/15)                          | 09/15/1992      |
| 92CW0281*<br>(Div. 5) | Snowmass Creek        | confl Capitol<br>Creek    | confl Roaring<br>Fork River | 10.5 (4/1 ·<br>10/15)                    | 09/15/1992      |

<sup>\*</sup> Increased

- b. The proposed plan for augmentation and exchange may not replace depletions in the proper time, place and amount, which could injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights.
- c. Terms and conditions should be included in the decree to ensure that the proposed decree will not injure the CWCB's instream flow water rights by expansion of use of water rights that are senior to CWCB's instream flow water rights.
- d. Terms and conditions should be included in the decree to address the measurement, recording, accounting and operations by Applicant in order for proper administration and compliance with all the terms and conditions of any decree entered in this matter.
- e. The application does not present sufficient information to fully evaluate the extent to which the CWCB's instream flow water rights may be injured.

<sup>^</sup> Donated/Acquired Water Right

- f. The CWCB is unable to determine from the application whether additional grounds for opposition exist, and therefore reserves the right to assert other grounds for opposition as they become known.
- 4. This Statement of Opposition is continuing in nature and shall apply to any and all future amendments to the original application.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2018.

CYNTHIA H. COFFMAN Attorney General

E-filed pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121.

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO

| CITY AND COUNTY OF DENV  | EK )  |
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| being duly sworn, hereby state t   | rces Engineer, Colorado Water Conservation Board,<br>hat I have read the foregoing Statement of<br>as are true to the best of my knowledge.                           |
|  | Signed original on file with the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Colorado  Don West, P.E.  Water Resources Engineer Colorado Water Conservation Board |
| Subscribed and sworn to k<br>City and County of Denver, Stat   | pefore me this 27 day of February, 2018, in the e of Colorado.  |
| ELIZABETH ANNE SCHMIT NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20174049890 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DEC. 6, 2021 | Signed original on file with the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Colorado  Cliquen Curve Sunid  NOTARY PUBLIC   |
| My Commission expires:   | Dec. Ce, 2021   |

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on this day of February, 2018, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION** to be served electronically via Colorado Courts E-Filing (CCE) addressed to each of the following:

| Party Name                                | Party Type        | Attorney Name  |
|---|-------------------|--|
| Division 5 Engineer                       | Division Engineer | Division 5 Water Engineer<br>(State of Colorado DWR Division<br>5)                             |
| Snowmass Water And Sanitation<br>District | Applicant         | Mark Edward Hamilton<br>Tarn Udall<br>(Holland & Hart LLP)                                     |
| State Engineer                            | State Engineer    | Colorado Division of Water<br>Resources<br>(State of Colorado - Division of<br>Water Resources |

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/s/ Margaret L. Popick

Margaret L. Popick